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SUBJ RICHELIEU-CHAMPLAIN REGULATION

REF STATE 180620

1. EMBOFF DELIVERED NOTE PROVIDED IN REFTEL TO EXTAFF, USA
DIVISION CHIEF GLENN SHORTLIFFE ON 1 AUGUST 75. SHORTLIFFE SAID
HE WAS NOT UP-TO-DATE ON RICHELIEU-CHAMPLAIN DEVELOPMENTS SINCE
HE HAD JUST COME FROM LEAVE; HOWEVER, HIS "CANDID AND OFF-THE-
RECORD" REACTION WAS TO STATE THAT CANADA OBVIOUSLY HAD A SERIOUS
PROBLEM SINCE ITS CITIZENS WERE BEING FLOODED AND THERE WAS GREAT
PRESSURE FROM ALL SIDES FOR THE GOC TO TAKE ACTION ACCORDINGLY.
HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PROBLEM WAS NOT SIMPLE SINCE US ALSO COULD
POSSIBLY SUFFER DAMAGES FROM ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE CANADIANS AND
SAID THAT US NOTE WOULD RECEIVE PROMPT AND THOROUGH CONSIDERATION.

2. PARENTHETICALLY HE COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THE LOWERING OF
TRANS-BOUNDARY WATER LEVELS WAS NOT AN "ILLEGAL ACT" UNDER
THE TERMS OF THE "BOUNDARY WATER TREATY"; EMBOFF SAID HE WAS
OF THE IMPRESSION THAT PERHAPS THIS WAS A MOOT LEGAL POINT
BUT THAT IN ANY EVENT PRECEDENTS IF ANY WERE RARE FOR SUCH
ACTION AND THAT HOPEFULLY AN ISSUE AS CONTROVERSIAL AS
RICHELIEU-CHAMPLAIN WOULD NOT BE DECIDED ON THE NARROWEST
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LEGAL GROUNDS. THE IJC HAD TAKEN ACTION AND IT WAS MORE

APPROPRIATE TO ABIDE BY ITS FINDINGS.

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